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In re application of:

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For: METHOD FOR MOLDING
CONTACT LENSES

) Group Art Unit: N/A
) (Prior Art Unit 1732)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1; before the first sentence, insert the following:

--This is a division of Application Serial No. 09/533,319,
filed March 22, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1 to 21, without prejudice.

Add claims 22 to 34 as follows:

22. (New Claim) A set of mold sections useful in molding a contact lens, the set comprising:

a first contact lens mold section; and

a second, single piece contact lens mold section including a contour which corresponds to a toric optical zone, the first mold section and the second mold section being adapted to be assembled in only a single rotational orientation and being structured to produce a contact lens.

23. (New Claim) The set of claim 22 wherein the first contact

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lens mold section includes a contour which corresponds to a ballast portion of a contact lens.

24. (New Claim) The set of claim 22 which comprises a plurality of the first contact lens mold sections, and a plurality of the second contact lens mold sections, provided that the rotational orientation of the contour which corresponds to a toric optical zone of a contact lens of each second mold section in an assembled first mold section/second mold section combination is different.

25. (New Claim) The set of claim 22 wherein the first and second mold sections include corresponding forms adapted to facilitate locking the first and second mold sections in the single rotational orientation.

26. (New Claim) The set of claim 22 wherein the first and the second mold sections include corresponding forms adapted to lock the first and the second mold sections in the single rotational orientation.

27. (New Claim) The set of claim 26 wherein the corresponding forms comprise mating forms.

28. (New Claim) The set of claim 26 wherein the corresponding forms comprise corresponding flats.

29. (New Claim) The set of claim 23 wherein the first contact lens mold section includes a contour which corresponds to a desired spherical vision correction zone of a contact lens.

30. (New Claim) The set of claim 24 wherein the first and the second mold sections include corresponding forms adapted to lock the first and the second mold sections in the single rotational orientation.

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31. (New Claim) The set of claim 30 wherein the corresponding forms comprise mating forms.

32. (New Claim) The set of claim 30 wherein the corresponding forms comprise corresponding flats.

33. (New Claim) The set of claim 24 wherein the first contact lens mold sections include a contour which corresponds to a desired spherical vision correction zone of a contact lens.

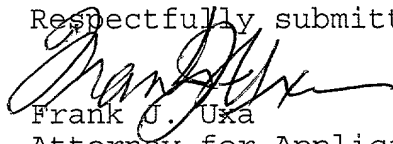
34. (New Claim) The set of claim 24 wherein the first contact lens mold sections include a contour which corresponds to a ballast portion of a contact lens.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to make clear the relationship of the above-identified application to other applications. Claims 1 to 21 have been cancelled, without prejudice. New Claims 22 to 34 have been added and are directed to embodiments for which patent protection is sought. Each of these claims is fully supported by the originally filed specification.

Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,



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